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In re:

Dickey et al.

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EXPRESSION OF BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE POLYPEPTIDES IN DUCKWEED

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2006, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-7, 18-22, 25-27, and 29-30, Group II, namely Claims 8-17, 23-24, and 28, Group III, namely Claims 31-40, Group IV, namely Claim 41, Group V, namely Claim 42, Group VI, namely Claim 43, and Group VII, namely Claims 44-45. Applicant hereby elects without traverse to prosecute the claims of Group VII (Claims 44-45) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required. However, in the event that extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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